

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 402

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Buddy McEwen, on the occasion of his receipt of the Frayser Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Buddy McEwen, who will be honored on May 17, 2007, by the Frayser Exchange Club with the prestigious Book of Golden Deeds Award in recognition of his many years of exceptional community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McEwen has been a staple in the Frayser community since 1978, when he moved from Germantown as the Golf Pro for Davy Crockett Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Buddy McEwen has served as an excellent ambassador for Frayser, routinely going beyond the call of duty to make his community an even better place to live, not for personal gain or remuneration, but rather out of his compassion for and sense of duty to his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. McEwen wrote a column for the *North Shelby Times* on the history of Frayser, tracing the community's history back to its founding by Italian farmers who settled at what was then called The Point; and

WHEREAS, Buddy McEwen has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; he has worked extensively with the youth of Frayser at both the Ed Rice Community Center and at the North Frayser Community Center, and he converted more than a few kids from basketball to golf when he created a driving range behind the North Frayser Community Center and gave free lessons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McEwen has served twice as President of the Frayser Exchange Club, and he has also served with acumen and alacrity as Chairman of the Board for the Frayser Community Development Corporation and as a Board member of the Frayser Forum; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he has served as President of the North Precinct Advisory Council and still finds time to lend his talents to such worthy civic organizations as the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association, the Frayser Community Association, and the Rangeline Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, Buddy McEwen loves music and played with the Settlers; he caddied for Archie Campbell growing up in Nashville and spent a little time backstage at the Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, he has always sung the praises of Crockett, a golf course that meanders through an old river forest and follows perhaps the hilliest and most diverse terrain of any golf course in the Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, one of his fellow Exchangites recently said of Mr. McEwen, "He is the nicest man in the United States. He's got a big heart, and there's not a person Buddy meets and is not kind to. He leaves a little bit of Buddy everywhere he goes." Another member said, "Buddy McEwen is one of the greatest people I've ever met, and everybody knows him. Buddy is one of the pillars of this community."; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. McEwen was recognized by the *Commercial Appeal* as one of "12 Who Made a Difference in 2005," and in April of 2007, Frayser renamed the Frayser Resource Center, the "Buddy McEwen Resource Center," as a lasting tribute to his life of purpose and accomplishment in service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Buddy McEwen epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McEwen is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Buddy McEwen for his meritorious service to his community and to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon receiving the Frayser Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.